



“The church is not a building or an institution. It can’t be contained within walls – even beautiful, exquisitely crafted walls. The church is the love of God working through the endurance, tenacity, and openness of God’s people. The church is the witness we agree to bear even when empires rise and fall.”

+ Debie Thomas

Life Together

First Baptist Church on Fifth, Winston-Salem

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Jacob Hill

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Emily Hull McGee

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Williamson

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

**All: We will bring with us the weak and the strong,
the healthy and those with limited abilities,**

Leader: the wise and the simple,
the poor and those of great means,

**All: the respected and the marginalized;
for God will make a way where there is no way.**

Leader: A time and a place and a people have been prepared
for us; and all are welcome.

**All: I was glad when they said unto me,
“Let us go into the house of the Lord!”**

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Joy Gambill

RESPONSE: All Are Welcome

M. Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live,
a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
all are wel - come in this place.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Daniel Smelcer

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:17-26

Susan Smelcer

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Kaylor

Leader: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
Call upon him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

(A silence is kept.)

Leader: God of mercy,

**All: Like a rebellious child we have resisted your gentle invitation to draw near.
We have given ear to other voices — teachers of envy and selfish ambition.
Too often, out of simple convenience, we have been false to the truth.
Forgive our resistance to your ways and instill in us a gentle, sincere spirit.
Surround us with wise and faithful guides to bear us ever into your presence.
Teach us wisdom that is pure, peaceable, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.
For in living such a life we mirror the image of your Son. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Amy McClure

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who make peace with God and one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: In that spirit let us share the sign of a forgiven people:
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO PRAYER: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

G. Allen/arr. R. Ringwald

Sanctuary Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark,
through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised
Land; precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand,
bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed
a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land, Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my
hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a
world that is free, for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned,
precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kyle Caudle

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON: "Church is for Accessibility"

Emily Hull McGee

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 648: Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father

MADILL

*God calls all to respond! Our church welcomes you to share a new desire to
follow Jesus or to join our congregation as a member. As we sing, please come
to the front and share your commitment with one of our ministers.*

*PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS WE GIVE

Sheree Jones

The giving of our material possessions, as well as our very lives, is an important part of active, vibrant worship of which all are invited to participate. In a moment, Deacons will pass the offering plates for you to share your financial contribution to support the ministries of First Baptist Church. If you would like to give online, you will find additional information in this worship guide and at our website, firstonfifth.org.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Mary Kaylor

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Emily Hull McGee

POSTLUDE

Jacob Hill

*Those who are able will please stand.

SERVING TODAY

<u>Deacon of the Week:</u>	Sheree Jones and Kelly King
<u>Children & Families Greeter:</u>	Kim Wilkinson
<u>Streaming and Sound Team:</u>	Billy Choe, Martha Greene, Greg Ryder, Judy Eustice, Jeff Burchette, Amber Myers

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today for the first time, we welcome you! Please fill out a Connection Card located in the back of the pews, and give it to a minister after worship. This allows us to extend our hospitality and connect you deeply within the life of our church. If you're visiting with young children, we welcome them in whatever way is best for your family! Creative resources for our little ones guide their experience of worship in the Sanctuary, and worship care for infants through kindergarteners is available in the nursery on the first floor. The balcony continues to be reserved for those preferring extra distance. Welcome!

SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK OF LOVE THROUGH FIRST BAPTIST ON FIFTH

Thank you for giving faithfully to God through the ministries of our church! Should you desire to give today, you can do so by placing your gift in the offering plates or by scanning the QR code to give online. Because you will need to enter your personal financial information when registering online, we encourage you to set up your account on a secure network at home before using the app for the first time.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church is For...: Worship this Fall

Amidst our country's partisan divides, our differences in identity and ideology, our competing priorities and clashing values, and all that jostles for our attention and our loyalty, it's worth asking the question: *what is church for?* This fall in worship, we'll ask it together and find some answers, both in the key priorities of our upcoming building project and the commitments we share to this treasure of our life together that is gift and grace from God. Join us!

October 6

Church is for Legacy

James 5:7-20

World Communion Sunday / Joining Sunday

October 13

Church is for Life Together

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

October 20

We Have this Treasure

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

October 6 | Fall Fellowship, 5:00pm

As the air gets crisper and the days get shorter, it's time to gather and celebrate fall! On Sunday morning, October 6, we'll celebrate World Communion Sunday, where Christians all around the world observe communion in many forms. That night, we'll gather again at the church house for another feast! This time, we'll be outside in the back lawn and breezeway, with a potluck dinner, yard games, fellowship around the table, and even a time of blessing for our pets. Please bring a side or dessert to share; the church will provide meat and a main dish option for vegetarians. Mark your calendars now for October 6, 5:00-7:00pm, then RSVP in the newsletter. See you there!

October 9 | Older Adult Lunch, 11:30 am

Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and to hear about Pastor Amy's sabbatical! RSVP in your newsletter.

October 11 | First Films: Fall Series

Join us at 6:30 pm on October 11 for the second film in our Fall Series: "Force Majeure" (2014) 1hr 59mins. Enjoy popcorn, refreshments, and excitement as these stories unfold in Kelly Auditorium.

October 12 | Young Adult Bonfire, 6:00 pm

The Young Adult Group invites our church family to gather for a fun fall night enjoying a bowl of homemade stew and bonfire! The event will be hosted

by Nathan Mitchell. Feel free to bring a dessert or drink to share. Don't forget your lawn chair! Find the Address and RSVP in your newsletter by October 9.

October 13 | Life Together Campaign Pledges Due

We are so grateful for the widespread support of our *Life Together* building project and capital campaign! Thank you for your generosity and excitement as we match our commitments to hospitality, sustainability, accessibility, and legacy in our church house. All are invited to complete their pledges for the project by worship on Sunday, October 13. See our newsletter and website for online pledge forms and more info.

October 25-27 | Youth Fall Beach Retreat

The annual CBFNC Fall Youth Beach Retreat returns to Fort Caswell in Oak Island the weekend of October 25-27, 2024. First on Fifth youth (grades 6-12) are invited for a weekend filled with worship, Bible study, dance party, and lots of free time to play on the beach! The theme is HOLD ON and will focus on holding on to our identity in Christ. Cost is \$100/student. RSVP by September 29 in your newsletter. For more information contact kyle@firstonfifth.org.

October 29 | How to End Christian Nationalism: a Conversation with Amanda Tyler

How to End Christian Nationalism by Amanda Tyler is the essential guidebook for Christians alarmed by the rising tide of Christian nationalism yet unsure how to counter it. Join Amanda at Knollwood Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 29 at 7pm for a timely discussion about the threat of this dangerous ideology and learn about how she drew on her experiences, conversations with pastors and laypeople, research, Scripture, and her Baptist convictions to write this new book. This author event is presented in partnership with Ardmore Baptist Church, First Baptist on Fifth, and Knollwood Baptist Church in collaboration with Bookmarks. Please RSVP for this free event in your newsletter. Contact kyle@firstonfifth.org for more information.

Make Your Reservation Now for First on Fifth's Spring Camping Weekend, April 25-27!

The Adult Ministry Team is planning a First on Fifth camping weekend at nearby Morrow Mountain State Park in April. Come for rest, renewal, fellowship and fun! Read more in your newsletter. **In order to make your reservation, please RSVP in your newsletter or on Realm by no later than Sunday, September 29.** Payment will be collected at a later date.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, September 29

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth and Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 4:00 pm First on Fifth 101 (*Kelly*)

MONDAY, September 30

TUESDAY, October 1

- 7:30 am Devotional Classics (*Baraca*)
- 10:00 am Care Notes (*Commons*)
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 8:00 pm Evening Prayer (*online*)

WEDNESDAY, October 2

- 9:30 am Staff Workday (*offsite*)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY, October 3

- 10:00 am Downtown Walking Affinity Group
- 10:00 am Older Adult Fellowship (*online*)

FRIDAY, October 4

- 7:00 pm Board Games Affinity Group (*Baraca*)

SATURDAY, October 5

SUNDAY, October 6

- 9:00 am Sunday Bible Study (*online*)
- 9:30 am Sunday Bible Study Adults, Youth and Children (*in person*)
- 10:30 am Coffee and Conversation (*Commons*)
- 11:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary & online*)
- 5:00 pm Fall Fellowship & Blessing of the Animals

OFFICE HOURS

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